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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>Group:</i>	1725	}	<u>Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)</u>
<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	3934	}	I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
<i>Application No.:</i>	10/761,947	}	hand delivered to Examiner Tran Len
<i>Invention:</i>	CASTING STEEL STRIP WITH LOW SURFACE ROUGHNESS AND LOW POROSITY	}	on <u>April 6, 2005</u>
<i>Applicant:</i>	Blejde et al.	}	<u>Arland T. Stein</u>
<i>Filed:</i>	January 21, 2004	}	Arland T. Stein
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<i>Docket:</i>	29685-74363	}	
<i>Examiner:</i>	Len Tran	}	

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of January 21, 2005. Also filed herewith is a provisional terminal disclaimer, and a check for the fees for the provisional terminal disclaimer.

Claims 1-26 were originally presented, but claim 14-26 have been withdrawn without prejudice in response to a request for election. Claims 1-13 remain pending in the case without amendment: